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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Regarding Safe School Week

Attached is a draft resolution declaring Michigan Safe School Week as October 20-26, 2002.

The resolution encourages educators, emergency responders, students, parents, and community leaders to advocate school safety.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution Regarding Safe School Week, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated October 2, 2002.

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MICHIGAN SAFE SCHOOL WEEK
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WHEREAS, the theme for the Safe School Week in Michigan is "Going for the Gold, Keeping Our Kids Safe"; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this campaign is to motivate key educators, law enforcement, and other emergency responders to work with students, parents, and community residents to vigorously advocate school safety; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Board of Education recognizes the Michigan Safe School Initiative Workgroup at Michigan State University as the statewide coordinating organization for Michigan Safe School Week, October 20-26, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Board of Education has adopted substantive policies regarding Safe Schools, with the goal of perpetuating safe school environments, conducive to learning for all students; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Board of Education encourages each Michigan school district to promote, coordinate, and participate in a statewide "Safe Schools Pledge" signing ceremony; and

WHEREAS, schools across Michigan will be participating in a statewide "Safe Schools Pledge" signing ceremony on Monday, October 21, 2002, at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Board of Education recognizes the importance of community involvement and participation in promoting and maintaining a safe learning environment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education declares Michigan Safe School Week as October 20-26, 2002, and encourages educators and emergency responders, as well as students, parents, and community leaders to advocate school safety, to become active participants to promote, coordinate, a "Safe Schools Pledge" signing ceremony in their school, and that the Michigan Safe School Initiative at Michigan State University will be the statewide coordinating organization for Michigan Safe School Week.